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WATER CRISIS IN RESERVOIRS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether water crisis in some reservoirs has also affected power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is monitoring 26 major reservoir based power stations. As informed by CEA, the generation at only one reservoir based power station at Rihand Hydro Power Station is reported to be affected on account of lower water inflow due to less rainfall this monsoon in its catchment area. The generation at Rihand upto November, 2007 was 299.40 MU against the target of 450 MU.

(c) : The power generation from hydro power station depends on the inflow of water due to rainfall in the catchment area and snowmelt in Himalayan rivers. Any shortage in hydro power generation is compensated by increasing generation from thermal power stations.